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## Department of Defense Directive

SUBJECT U.S. Participation in Certain NATO Groups Relating to  
the Research, Development, Production and Logistics  
Support of Military Equipment

- Refs:
- (a) DOD Directive 5132.2, "Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs)," May 20, 1961
  - (b) DOD Directive 5129.1, "Director of Defense Research and Engineering," February 10, 1959
  - (c) DOD Directive 5126.22, "Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics)," January 30, 1961
  - (d) DOD Directive 5100.27, "Delineation of International Logistic Responsibilities," December 29, 1964
  - (e) NATO Document C-M(66)33 (Revised), "Cooperation in Research, Development and Production of Military Equipment: Study of NBMR Procedure," 30 May 1966
  - (f) DOD Directive 3100.3, "Cooperation with Allies in Research and Development of Defense Equipment," September 27, 1963

### I. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

This directive amplifies the responsibilities assigned in references (a) through (d) as they apply specifically to U.S. participation in North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) groups established under the terms of reference (e) to promote cooperation in the research, development, production and logistic support of military equipment. It supplements the policies established in reference (f) governing U.S. cooperation with Allies in this area.

### II. BACKGROUND

By approval of reference (e) on May 25, 1966, the North Atlantic Council revised the NATO organization and procedures concerning cooperation in military equipment matters. The purpose of the reorganization was to improve NATO's capacity as a discussion forum and clearing house for instituting cooperative projects. A Conference of National Armaments Directors was established to advise the Council and act under its authority on all questions pertaining to the development and procurement of equipment for NATO forces and connected problems. The Conference will review the overall cooperative

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effort undertaken within NATO under the aegis of groups established by reference (e), paying particular attention to the political, economic and technical aspects thereof. Army, Navy and Air Force Armaments Groups and a Defense Research Group were established as the principal action bodies to initiate cooperative efforts; these latter groups are empowered to establish sub-groups as required. This new organizational structure replaces the former Armaments Committee and the Committee of Defense Research Directors.

### III. DEFINITION

As used in this Directive, the term "NATO Groups" refers to those groups and sub-groups established under the authority and terms of reference (e).

### IV. POLICY

The basic DOD policy, objectives and guidelines for cooperation with our allies in the development of defense equipment are outlined in reference (f). These objectives apply equally to the broader range of activities conducted under the procedures of reference (e). The nature and extent of U.S. participation in NATO Groups will be determined on the basis of their contribution to the objectives stated in reference (f) measured against whatever disadvantages may accrue from U.S. participation. U.S. activities in these groups will be continuously evaluated to determine the benefit to the U.S.

### V. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs) will provide policy guidance within his field of responsibility outlined in references (a) and (d) for U.S. participation in NATO Groups. He may, at his discretion, provide a representative to meetings of the Conference of National Armaments Directors and to meetings of subordinate bodies when circumstances indicate the desirability thereof, and, within his field of responsibility, will determine U.S. positions on agenda items for these meetings and secure appropriate concurrences.
- B. The Director of Defense Research and Engineering will provide policy guidance within his field of responsibility outlined in references (b) and (d) for U.S. participation in NATO Groups. He will arrange for the U.S. representation at the meetings of the Conference of National Armaments Directors, monitor and coordinate U.S. participation in the Conference and, within his field of responsibility, will determine U.S. positions on agenda items for these meetings and secure appropriate concurrences.

- C. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics) will provide policy guidance within his field of responsibility outlined in references (c) and (d) for U.S. participation in NATO Groups. He will normally provide a representative to meetings of the Conference of National Armaments Directors and, within his field of responsibility, will determine U.S. positions on agenda items for these meetings and secure appropriate concurrences.
- D. The Director of Defense Research and Engineering and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics) will be responsible for jointly issuing detailed implementing instructions concerning U.S. participation in NATO Groups, as defined in Section III above, and assigning responsibilities among the military departments and other DOD components for providing U.S. representation and developing U.S. positions in NATO Groups other than the Conference of National Armaments Directors.

VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.

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